Margin Worries Tories, Socialists

Family Seat Held By Youngest MP

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, England (Reuters)—A 23-year-old Conservative won a parliamentary seat here Thursday night to become the youngest member of the House of Commons.

Winner at a byelection polled Thursday in this traditionally Conservative southeast coast resort town was Paul Channon, son of the last holder of the seat.

The election result gave the youthful Channon 14,493 votes, Liberal party candidate Miss Heather Harvey 6,314 and Laborite A. Pearson-Clarke 5,280 votes.

The Conservative majority was 8,179 votes. The party's majority in the 1955 general election was 18,460 in a contest with Labor party and Liberal opponents.

The Conservative standard-bearer then was Paul's father, Sir Henry Channon, whose death caused Thursday's special election.

Thursday's result, cutting the Conservative majority by more than half and dropping the Labor candidate to the bottom of the poll, was a sharp disappointment to Britain's two main political parties.

ISLAND COMMUNITY

The Tancook Islands in Mahone Bay near Lunenburg, N.S., were settled by about 30 families in 1829.

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Pat Lacroix Featured

Cabaret Concert Opens Jazz Year

Opening its 1959 season tonight, the Victoria Jazz Society presents its first cabaret-style concert at the Club Tango in Oak Bay. Doors open at 8.30 and the program starts rolling at 9.

The featured artist is singer Pat Lacroix. A native of Victoria, Pat has recently completed studies at the Westlake School of Music in Hollywood. He has performed at spots along Hollywood's famous Sunset Strip as well as over the CBC with Lance Harrison.

Furnishing the music for the evening will be the George McDowell Quartet with George on alto saxophone and clarinet; Don Partridge, piano; Doug Peaker, bass, and Bill Smith with the drums.

The Progressive Artists present Margaret Martin and Tony Nicholson in Saroyan's one-act drama, "Hello, Out There," today and tomorrow at 10.30 p.m. This was an honor play in the festival of 1956 and Mr. Nicholson won the award for the best actor. The place is 1306 Wharf Street, "The Scene."

Sparrows Kill Cobra

JOHANNESBURG, Reuters)—A flock of about 60 sparrows attacked and killed a five-foot cobra near here when it raided a nest for eggs. Two of the birds were killed in the 10-minute battle.

Gang from 'Good Families'

Stole Cars 'for Kicks'

OTTAWA (CP) — Luck has run out on three Ottawa juveniles who led police on a car-theft merry-go-round for six months.

The three 14-year-olds were remanded in custody Wednesday after pleading guilty in juvenile court to two charges each. Police say 29 more car-theft charges face one of them and 16 the other two.

But over the six months the trio, all from "good families," stole up to 60 cars, police said.

The boys told police they seldom kept a car more than a few hours, although they abandoned one near Kingston.

They were picked up Saturday when a policeman spotted a stolen car in a parking lot and found one of them in it.

Police said that late last summer the trio drove to Gananoque in a stolen car, stole a rowboat to cross the St. Lawrence River to New York State and stole several cars on a junket to Louisiana. They were finally picked up by American police and sent home.

When asked by police why they stole, one replied, "just for kicks."

CBC Far as Ever From End of Strike

OTTAWA (UPI) — The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation said last night it was prepared to "explore any feasible possibility at any time" that might end a month-long strike by Montreal television producers.

But it added, in a prepared statement, that the strike by 74 producers was "no nearer to a solution than it was one month ago" when it started.

The producers walked out Dec. 29 to protest the CBC's refusal to recognize their newly formed association. Their action has idled some 1,100 members of other CBC unions who have refused to cross the strikers' picket lines, and interfered with TV service for more than 4,000,000 viewers on the French network.

Last night's statement said the CBC believes its primary responsibility is to the public, and "consequently it will explore any feasible possibility at any time."

Reviewing recent developments in the strike, the publicly-owned corporation said it agreed on Sunday to defer a return-to-work-or-be-fired ultimatum sent to some employees.

Since then, the CBC said, it has not heard from the Council of Broadcasting Unions, which has handled the strikers' side of the dispute. It said informal talks held Wednesday with a Montreal producer and a Montreal artist "had no definite result."

'Chairmanship' Dinner Topic

Bob Baird, president of Thunderbird 396, Toastmasters, will give the second talk in the speechcraft clinic series at 6 p.m. Monday at the James Bay Hotel.

His topic will be "Chairmanship."

Subject of the first lecture of the newly-formed clinic was "Building a Speech."

Meetings are dinner meetings and cost to guests is $1.50.

Woman MLA Charges:

'Obsession' Hits Social Services

Mrs. Lois Haggen (CCF, Grand Forks Greenwood) told the legislature yesterday that decreased social services in B.C. are the "direct result of Premier Bennett's obsession with creating what he calls a debt-free province."

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, the lady member said she could not calmly contemplate what the results of this policy would be if it continued for another year or two.

The late Sir Richard McBride took over a debt-ridden province more than 40 years ago and in two years had ended its indebtedness. But he was not best remembered for that.

GOOD IN PRINCIPLE

"Debt reduction is good in principle and all governments believe in it by making provision for normal debt retirement," she said. "But I don't think it is good that debt reduction should be accelerated with the object of its coinciding with a probable election.

"I do not think it is good when it is done at the expense of human welfare . . ."

Mrs. Haggen welcomed the government's proposal to expand facilities for the education and training of mentally retarded children. But she said the government should go a step further and establish a "seminar for parents of mentally retarded children, designed to meet the various problems encountered by parents in the care and management of the retarded child."

The seminar could establish a program of lectures, group counselling and demonstration sessions by professionally-trained and experienced leaders.

She believed there "must be parents in rural areas who need help with their problems and who are finding a considerable physical and emotional burden.

"This aid to the parents should be carried out along with any contemplated program for the children."

Aged Citizens' Homes

Contract Awarded For Gorge Project

Weismiller Construction Co. has been awarded a $42,000 contract for construction of the first unit of the Gorge View Society's $750,000 senior citizens' housing project.

Construction of the building, to house four single persons and two married couples, is scheduled to begin early in February on the society's five-acre site between Harriet and Balfour.

Plans call for ultimate construction of 40 buildings. The provincial government will contribute one-third of the cost, the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church one-third, and the remainder is being raised by subscription, with $47,000 raised so far.

Firm's Claim Against PGE Dismissed

OTTAWA (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed claims by A. L. Patchett and Sons Limited, Quesnel, B.C., for damages from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

The lumber company claimed damages from the PGE on the ground that the provincially-owned railway did not take sufficient action to move the company's lumber in spite of pickets on the striking International Woodworkers' of America in September, 1953.

The Patchett mill was not strikebound, though strikers from a number of other B.C. mills picketed the mill, located on PGE yards at Quesnel.

The British Columbia Supreme Court awarded the Patchett company $4,577, but the B.C. court of appeal reversed this judgment. The Supreme Court of Canada confirmed this dismissal.

The Canadian Press erroneously reported Tuesday that the Supreme Court had awarded $3,501 to the Patchett company.

Cattle Study Set for B.C.

A complete economic study of British Columbia's cattle ranching industry will be undertaken this spring, just as early as weather conditions permit, Agriculture Minister Steacy announced Thursday.

He said the study will be conducted by the B.C. staff of the federal department of agriculture's economics division.

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